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When the autumn breezes blow, Up to Varsity they go; Coming up to higher things, Far from mother's apron strings. At the first they're rather shy, But it wears off bye and bye, Till in a week they think they know All the things the seniors do.

Out upon the grass
The Freshmen in the lock-step pass,
Through the flour-sacks see them smile,
They'll be subdued for quite a while.
And now that they're all tied,
We'll take them for a street car ride,
And we'll stay by the Freshies till they die
Or get to Edmonton.

Has anybody here seen Kenny, K e double n y, Has anybody here seen Kenny, Or seen him wave his hand; His hair is smooth and his eyes are blue, And he's a Freshman through and through, Has anybody here seen Kenny, Kenny whom we nearly canned?

Floydie, oh Floydie, our Freshie-Sophso fair, We know you are sweet on the girl with the golden hair, Oh maybe she loves you, and maybe others too, And if she does, Floydie, oh will you be true? Oh out upon the football field, we used the Freshies rough, We made them work hard in their play, they swore 'twas awful tough,

But when they made the Varsity, their joy was great to see,

And now they are shouting Alberta.

They care not now for football teams, 'They care no more for love's young dreams, They're taking Junior English, now, And must rewrite their weekly themes.

What's the matter with Freshie, he's all right. What's the matter with Freshie, he's sometimes tight, He's awful fond of the other sex, He loves to hug them around the necks, What's the matter with Freshie, he's all right.

FRESHMAN spells Freshman, Although we do not want to underrate them, Still we feel we must initiate them, FRESHMAN you see, It's a name just the same that they're willing to disclaim, Sophomores to be.

THE WORLD AT LARGE

"Quidguid agunt homines."

Outwardly at least the most striking event of the last few weeks in Europe is the fall of the House of Braganza and the establishment of the Republic of Portugal. The event has been expected more or less ever since the assassination of King Carlos and Crown Prince Luis in a public thoroughfare of Lisbon two years ago; perhaps this very expectation has psychologically forced the denouement. The causes of the revolution are somewhat obscure, but no doubt the fundamental explanation is the economic wretchedness of the country, which, with a population of 6,000,000 has a national debt of \$800,000,000.

The head of the new government is Professor Theophilo Braga, poet, historian, sociolo-

gist, and one of Portugal's extremely few men of international fame. Whether he is the good face on a bad business or really expresses the true sentiment of the change, it is oversoon to say: at all events he contrasts well with any Braganza. His whole lifestory has apparently been a record of genuine self-sacrifice; one may hope that its latest chapter will be lighted with the glory of having done something for his native land in a large way.

The effect upon Spain will be well worth watching. One of the proclaimed ambitions of Europe's latest President is a Pan-Iberian Republic. If such a thing could be achieved on a solid basis, it might prove the spiritual regeneration of a spiritually bank-

rupt community.

In England the Osborne case raises an issue big enough to eclipse the Veto Bill for the mom-Osborne, a member of a Trades Union, not in sympathy with the activities of the present Labor Party, secured an injunction of court restraining the treasurer of his particular trades union from paying over any portion of the dues and assessments for the support of members in Parliament seeking to advance certain aims with which Osborne found himself at issue. The upshot of his successful effort to secure such an injunction is that the present Labor Party in the Imperial Parliament sees itself cut off from its visible means of support. There is great wrath in some portions of the Trades Union camp, but Osborne must represent the feeling of a large body of British workmen who are in their unions for social and economic reasons, preferring at the same time to remain Liberals or Conservatives. The best friends of the Unions too are most clear-voiced on the soundness of the decision; thus, for instance. Mr. Frederic Harrison:-

"Not only law but civil society would come to an end if it be settled by act of Parliament that men who have agreed to work and to subscribe money for definite purposes may be forced to see their association and its funds diverted to totally different purposes, which were never contemplated and which they utterly detest."

The upshot may be that England will have to take to payment of members of Parliament. Even now the trumpets are sounding for a new election in which the issue will be merely: House of Lords, Tariff Reform, Lloyd George Budget, Home Rule, Os-

borne Case, and one or two other items. In such an election one may easily imagine a true Liberal voting Tory and an ingrained Tory, Liberal. Verily it will be a divider asunder of the flesh and the spirit.

While Tariff Reform in England means clapping on duties. American voters seem to hold by a Tariff Reform that will lift some of the most oppressive at least off. For the first time in seventeen vears the House of Representatives is Democratic and that by the handsome majority of fifty. As a number of Republican congressmen were elected on the 'insurgent' platform, they can be counted upon to work with the Democrats in healing the wounds caused by High Protection America's moral life. Let us wish them all wisdom in their great task of doing justice (vengeance might seem the fairer word) upon the 'interests' who dictated the Payne-Aldrich Bill which smelled foul in the nostrils of all honest men.

It is interesting to notice that Theodore Roosevelt made attacks in person upon the Democrats, there the Democratic victories were proportionately great. Harmon in Ohio, Baldwin in Connecticut, Dix in New York, -these were to him anathema, but the 'average voter' (erstwhile T. R's, alleged friend) has not seen them in the same light. Roosevelt's presidential aspirations for 1912 are badly dented; he has been "beaten to a frazzle," as one of the Democratic County Chairmen in New York State humorously telegraphed to the Central Committee regarding results in his own county.

France has just come through a railway strike, most interesting perhaps in its revelation of the fact that the responsibilities of public office have a conservative force upon the incumbent, no matter what his previously expressed views. M. Briand, the present French premier, was originally a Socialist with very advanced opinions upon the legality of strikes, railway and otherwise, even to the extent of defending general sympathetic strikes. But when the present strike began to extend from one line to another and to be accompanied by wanton destruction of property (sabotage). he seems to have felt himself confronted by a situation, not a theory. He issued an order for mobilizing all military reservists working on French railways. including even those lines where no strike had as yet broken out. The strength of the strikers was thereby so reduced that the situation became manageable at once. The Premier was bitterly attacked in the Deputies, especially by the Socialists, but secured his vindication by a tremendous majority. There is a touch of indiscretion in his defence that is fascinating. "And now," he said, facing the Socialists, "I will tell you something that will make jump (qui va vous faire bondir) If the Government had found it necessary to resort to illegal action, it would have done so." Very true, no doubt, but questionable wisdom to have said it. time we hear that the economic condition of the French workingclasses grows more desperate How about some 'illegaldaily. ity' to remedy that, M. Briand?

College men will be interested in the triumphant election of former President Woodrow Wilson, of Princeton University, to the governorship of New Jersey. One could scarcely pay the United States a higher compliment than to wish for them that he may succeed Mr. Taft at the White House.

Despite all attempts to dispute it on the part of machine Liberals the Drummond-Arthabaska election in Quebec, is easily the most important recent event in Canada. M. Gilbert, Nationalist, defeated by two hundred votes the government candidate in a constituency normally Liberal by twelve hundred. He was assisted by Henri Bourassa and Armand Lavergne and his platform was a direct attack upon the Laurier policy of a Canadian Navy. It is difficult to see how the Conservative party can get much comfort out of it, as the Nationalist policy of no navy and no naval contributions is flatly opposed to the Dreadnaught policy which is the normal policy of the Conservatives. On the other hand it will cause the Liberals great searchings of heart: much of the Liberal majority is drawn from Quebec, and it must be sad to those depending upon it for their political lives to see it dwindling or even threatened with symptoms of decay. The government at Ottawa will probably now be seen hard at work emasculating their naval policy in such a way as to reduce it to the futility which will appease Quebec. Sometimes our public speakers say:-"We are citizens of no mean empire." The words have merely got disarranged; it should read:-"We are mean citizens of no empire."

BICHONNE

Bichonne is not her real name. er is a nickname, given her by her mother, meaning, I believe, "little blessing" or "comforter." She is called Bichonne by all the country side, who say that she has been imbecile from birth. She is a shy, gentle, little creature, exceedingly nervous, but quite harmless—she feeds the chickens, she milks the cow, and is usually seen in the barnyard holding, apparently, interesting converse with the dog or the horse. She is greatly loved by every animal in the place down to the tiniest chick. She speaks a queer and unintelligible jargon, which only her mother understands but her mother never fails her. She is a happy child I think, she bears no grudges, she carries no gossip; she is, so far as we know, free from all thoughts of malice or envy. We do not know the extent of her enjoyment, but certainly she suffers no disappointments. Save for an intense love for her mother, she seems indifferent to the people around her, not understanding the speech even of her own household. Poor little Bichonne!

Her family live near us about a quarter of a mile from my father's farm. At the beginning of this summer there were four in the family, a quaint, beautiful old madame, a gentle, courteous monsieur and their two daughters; the older one, a somewhat plain maiden lady of uncertain age, the younger—Bichonne the hopeless imbecile.

When we go twice yearly to pay a call on this family, it is always little Bichonne who opens the door to us with her unchanging smile of welcome. She bows us into the closed parlor with its tightly drawn blinds and unfaded carpet, and then sits, smiling and nodding at our every word until her family come to relieve her of what is probably the greatest responsibility of her life. Then she slips out and we do not see her again until

we repeat our visit.

Imagine then our surprise, one day this fall to see her flying down our road. Our first fear was that she must have gone suddenly raving mad, but she came into our gate, into the yard, into the house and spoke to us, in an agitated, surely, but perfectly understandable way. She told us that her mother had been ill for two days, that her older sister was prostrated with anxiety, but that she, little Bichonne, was helping the doctor. He had sent her for a little piece of ice.

I went back with her to see if I could do anything to help, but there was no help that anyone save Bichonne could give. The trained physician stood in awe, amazed at the things which Bi-

chonne did intuitively.

The next day her mother died and my mother and I went again

to offer our services.

It was the old Bichonne who opened the door to us, the old vacant smile was on her face, the unintelligible jargon on her lips.

A great shock, a greater need, had roused her to an abnormal knowledge of what was going on about her, had roused her to more than sanity and she had used that knowledge in a most needed service to the only being she had loved. Fortunate little Bichonne!

-Jessie Bacon Harris.

FRESHMAN RECEPTION

The Freshman class, larger and more promising than ever, gathered together on Friday evening at the invitation of the Sophomore The Seniors and Juniors with several of the professors added grace to one of the most successful gatherings the University has as yet seen. Class '14 was in a gay mood, class '13 was at its best: under such conditions what could stay the course of mirth?

Breezily, "Joe" Doze, the popuar president of Class '13 explained: "We must do something to get acquainted," and the response which came from the groups in front of him told that "something" was being done. Class '14 had not overlooked the event of the season, when its members, duly initiated into the ranks, would meet Class '13 in the role of host. Their spokesman stepped forward, a ruddy freshman, already to the front in peace as in war-Douglas Telfer.

The sharp wits of the literary executive under Dobson, devised a "taking" programme for the even-All tastes were considered. Music and song, promenade and tete-a-tete interchanged freely. The opportunity was even given for the expression of poetic fancies, restricted, however, to cake recipes, composed to the rhythm of "Marching through Georgia." Some of these savoured of "science," domestic and otherwise. Here are specimens:

Just take a cup of axle grease, And add a pinch of snuff; Five pennies' worth of rubber cement,

And Scotch high-balls enough;

Sift in a barrel of sawdust. When it's settled add some sand-

While we are mixing our sponge cake.

But in one instance the process of cake making was sadly interfered with by the would-be cook engaging his attention with Georgia behind the door. Georgia however scored a victory in her pancake recipe:

Georgia had a recipe. By which she made some cakes: She took some flour and curdled milk.

And mixed it with a rake: She slammed it in the frying pan And put it on the stove— And now they are buying a coffin.

"Poor boy," they cried, "he came

CHORUS:

from far down East." They shipped him home because of Georgia's yeast; The yeast it blew his head off. Ce qui est bien trieste— All of which his parents blame on Georgia.

Surprises were not lacking to Their proverbial the freshmen. "magnetic eye" began to roll at the sound of their name in medlev or refrain-or, shall we say it. they were below the bed when the bugle called. Ah! but their pulses beat quickly when the call was "Freshmen to escort the given: ladies to the refreshment room." There, wrongs, if any still lurked behind, were righted; there were formed bonds of friendship which will end, perhaps never.

LETTERS FROM A SON AT COLLEGE TO HIS DAD

(No. 1.)

Strathcona, Alta. Nov. 21, 1910.

Dear Dad:-

I received your last letter alright and am returning it with the mistakes in spelling underlined in red ink. You will find them in the dictionary with the exception of the word "ain't," which you won't find any place and which you don't want to look for. I am glad to hear that Ma is well except for having the typhoid fever and likewise the children. social life in the university has been of an extremely high order so far this year. In no less than three receptions have we participated as an institution. A very successful, shall I call it "Sware," was held recently by the Sophomores. I was enjoying the program immensely until imagine my embarrassment when upon looking up, I discovered that I was only six seats from a girl. I hastily rose and withdrew to a seat where I would not be subject to scandal. The program was interspersed with promenades, in which I took no part, as none of the ladies asked me for the pleasure of one. Next came the supper. The Freshmen took down the ladies. which greatly relieved me, for it gave me a chance to take down some coffee and sandwitches. Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves so much. It reminded me of Plato's saying "Labor vincit omnia," which means freely "Boys will be boys." How I wish you could understand Latin. as you could embrace more readily my feelings towards life and things, and these little quotations would need no translation. I believe I told you in my last letter that I am taking German. I came across a very touching quotation in that beautiful language just last week. It ran something like this, "Ich bin du bist er ist wir sind ihr seid sie sind." I will not attempt to translate it as I find my English quite inadequate. I believe it is from Goethe. I often think of the farm and animals and you and mother. I must close now. As the French have it. "Ie vais dearie achos" or to translate "I am going to say Good-bye."

Your loving son,

Bob.

P. S. Remember me to Aunt Mariah and the cat.

В.

Barber to McCall: "And now sir, will you have Herpicide or Bay Rum?"

McCall: "Neither, thank you, I'm proud to say that I'm a total

abstainer."

Miller may not believe in wedding-bells but he certainly believes in wooing them. Miss Helen Montgomery: "What is worse than raining cats and dogs?"

Miss Robertson: "Search me." Miss Montgomery: "Hailing Strathcona street cars."

Puzzle:—When is Ottewell thinner than a lath?

Answer:—When he's a shaving.



To the number of troubles under which a long-suffering student body labors is to be added vet another with the publication of this. the first issue of "The Gateway." As the name suggests, there is something unique about our position in this institution, the university farthest north in America and farthest West in Canada, standing at the portal of a great undeveloped and practically unknown region, rich in potentialities of fu-The University ture greatness. of Alberta may justly be considered as the entrance to a great opportunity. Here too is afforded the sons and daughters of Alberta. many of whom would otherwise be unable to realize it, of securing a training which shall qualify them for worthy citizenship in this splendid new country.

The launching of this enterprise marks a step in advance. Two years ago we began with an enrolment of about forty and to-day well over one hundred are in at-Then the production tendance. of such a journal as the one now being published was regarded as a remote contingency but the time has come when a medium of some sort which will act as a register of student public opinion has be-The aim of come a necessity. the management shall be to promote the most cordial relation between faculty and students and in

every legitimate way to advance the interests of the University. We believe that this journal will fill a real need and that it will more and more make its influence felt as a factor in student life. That it will at once be all that could be wished is hardly to be expected, but an honest effort will be made toward constant improvement.

During the term in addition to the usual items of purely local interest several contributions on topics of wider significance will be published. The editor wishes it distinctly understood that the "Gateway" assumes no responsibility for personal opinions expressed in contributions of this sort, as of necessity in the treatment of any question the writer must be allowed enough scope to impress upon it the stamp of his own individuality.

To those who have co-operated with us in making this venture a possible reality we take this opportunity at the outset of expressing our appreciation. We heartily commend them to our readers who may be intending purchasers as worthy of their confidence and patronage. We bespeak the continued support of those interested and particularly of the students in the attempt to produce a publication worthy of the institution, the gateway of the Last West and of opportunity.

The Third Freshman class, largest and promising to be the best vet is with us. Already they have shown very clearly that in class-room, social life, and upon the campus they intend to take no second place. As this is as it should be, for upon the enthusiasm and vim of the successive classes of Freshmen depends the future of any university. sure all of them are not paragons of virtue or studious zeal but doubtless the mild discipline of the classic department supplemented by the judicious and continued demands of the English professors with some Mathematics and Moderns for ballast will furnish the needed correctives

Already the doughty Sophs have shouldered their responsibility and by initiation and reception extended the glad hand. We join in the heartiest endorsement of their welcome. Here's to the class of

14.

Perhaps there still lingers in the minds of some persons the time honored tradition that the Editorin-Chief has a sinecure. When this is put to us we're from Miss-Just a leaf from our diary ouri. on this point. When the rumor went abroad that this enterprise was under way how our brain strata were racked and strained trying to decide what were the legitimate fields for a college journal to explore. From the Wauneita Club came the suggestion to run a matrimonial bureau under the charge of the sporting editor, who collapsed instantly when informed of the fact, and has been in a precarious condition ever since. The funny man of the staff was straightway seized with an attack off melancholia upon learning of his appointment. The illustrating editor has developed an amazing interest in pastoral scenes and may be seen wandering almost nightly in the neighborhood of the new building engaged in dreamy contemplation of the moon. it any wonder that harassed by anxious enquiries of fond relatives of these unfortunates, the editor is becoming emaciated and haggard and that his erstwhile raven tresses are becoming flecked with grev? But despite these misfortunes we shall persevere and if enough of the staff survive "The Gateway" will appear once per month for the remainder of the

Dr. Ernest W. Sheldon, the latest addition to the Science Faculty, was born at Portland, in the Province of Ontario, and received his secondary education at Athens High School and Barrie Collegiate Institute. He continued his studies at McGill University and graduated in the '04 class with honors in mathematics and Natural Philosophy. After spending some time there as Demonstrator in Physics he went to Yale University where he spent four years in the capacity of instructor and doing graduate work, taking his Ph. D. in Mathematics in the spring of the present year under Professor Pierpont. Already Dr. Sheldon has won the reputation with his students of a sympathetic instructor who though thorough in his methods yet possesses the happy faculty of seeing problems from the standpoint of the student as well as from that of the professor.

The Faculty of Modern Languages has received an increase of its professional staff in the person of Dr. Barker Fairley, a son of "Merrie England," Dr. Fairley was born at Barnsley, Yorks, Eng., receiving his preparatory training in Leeds High School. He continued his studies at the University of Leeds from which he took his Bachelor's and Master's. From '07 until '10 he pursued graduate work in the University of Jena, occupying at the same time the

position of lektor in English. He obtained his Ph. D. in Germanics in the spring of this year and was secured as assistant Professor of Modern Languages, more particularly of German, leaving Professor Kerr free for the work in French. Dr. Fairley is the first member of our faculty from the Old Land and brings with him a reputation for scholarship which will add to the prestige of our University in its Faculty of Modern Languages.

THE LITERARY PROGRAM

One of the most important phases, if not the most important feature of College life is the Literary Society. Under the shadowing care of this society various activities may be carried on satisfactorily. The musical, intellectual sides of college life receive the requisite attention and development and the students enter into a bond of sympathy which can be formed in no other way. ideal literary society is one that combines the various activities throughout the year, not emphasizing one more than another. To accomplish this each activity must receive special attention.

A glee club under a competent leader should first be organized and good music sung. By good music we do not necessarily mean sacred music but music of a high

standard.

The Debating Society should then be organized and in connection with it a Mock Parliament opened. To think logically and to express oneself clearly before an audience is no easy task. The Debating Society gives everyone

an opportunity to obtain both the mental development and selfassurance necessary for public speaking. Too many students are reticent about taking an active part in debates. In after life they will be sorry that they allowed themselves to be deprived of such a golden opportunity. Many students will have to do a great deal of public speaking and the debating society provides an opportunity for practice that should not be disregarded. The social side of college life can generally take care of itself but every student should feel it incumbent upon him to be friendly and courteous to all.

Short talks by members of the faculty on subjects of common interest will leave lasting impressions and an occasional talk on current events will remind the students of the existence of an outside world, something which they seem sometimes to forget.

This year by far most of the activities mentioned have been commenced. At the first meeting of the society the Glee Club has rendered selections, which, even if

they were not classical, were pleasing to the ear. I'he Debating Club meets every other Friday and has already had a profitable and amusing debate on the wearing of gowns before the third year. It is worthy of comment that two ladies were the principals in this debate.

Early in the next term the Mock

Parliament will hold its first session and soon after the Waunieta Club will give some amateur theatricals.

In conclusion, if the program outlined by the Literary Society for the coming year is carried out with the same success as attended its first meeting, the year's showing will be very creditable indeed.

STUDENT'S Y.M.C.A.

The third day of December should be celebrated in the University of Alberta as the birthday of the Student's Y. M. C. A. On that date just one year ago, the foundation of a flourishing organization was laid; an organization which will make itself felt through the West because it will help to mould the traditions and development of this University.

Practically all the men of the student body were present at the initial meeting, while interest in higher quarters was shown by the presence of the members of the Faculty. Dr. Tory, who was in the chair, introduced the Rev. C. W. Bishop, Travelling Secretary for the Y. M. C. A. Officers were elected at once. President F. S. McCall was at the head of the executive which carried the Y. M. C. A. through a successful year. The Bible Study Leader is to be congratulated on the successful series of Sunday afternoon meetings which It must be adhe organized. mitted that the attendance was never very encouraging, but those of us who followed the courses of Dr. Tory's informal addresses with any reasonable degree of regularity feel that we got an uplift which was very much worth while.

Early this fall a new selection of officers was made. Unfortunately Mr. A. L. Carr, the president-elect, was stricken with typhoid and removed to the hospital before the preliminary canvass of the students for Bible Study groups was complete. Our staff feels the loss of Mr. Carr as an active member and regrets that such a misfortune should have come upon him. But his work has been carried on by others and owing chiefly to the energy of our Bible Study leader and our Hon. President, we have now six groups ready to begin Bible Study work. The frank open discussion of questions of religion and ethics will, we trust, be an agency for good to all who take part.

When we look at the future and see the crowds of students which will replace the present germ of the University of Alberta and see there the work which our infant Y. M. C. A. must develop to perform, our responsibility and our privilege as the pioneers of this enterprise loom large before us. We must work diligently with

faith.



Although the fall athletic season is rather short at 'Varsity it has been filled with many interesting events this year. This fall saw the organization of our first rugby team and with a septette of our hockey stars breaking into senior company the coming winter, with a junior team in the Intercollegiate and a 'Varsity basketball team in the City League, prospects are bright for a banner year in athletics.

The first organized rugby practice was held on Saturday, Oct. 22, and after a week's work together the team engaged in a practice match with the Eskimos, Edmonton's senior aggregation. The score was unfortunately lost, but all present declared it to be a close and hard fought game with the final result slightly in favor of the

Eskimos.

On the following Monday they engaged in a game in Calgary with Western Canada College. ing the first half of the game our representatives had a bad attack of stage fright and the half-time score was 12-0 in favor of the They braced up on home team. commencing again and in five minutes ran up a total of seven points. This proved to be but a temporary respite, however, for while our stalwarts indulged in a brief spasm of joy over their break into the score-column, the southerners fattened their total to the extent of eight more. Each team annexed another touchdown before the close of the game and when the final whistle sounded the score was 28-13

On Nov. 5 we again clashed with the W. C. C., this time on our own grounds, which were carpeted with snow to prevent bruises. The cool breeze seemed to speak of victory for 'Varsity and from the time that the fair co-eds were seen on the side-lines the final result was never in doubt. With the frantic cheers of the Wauneita Club to urge them on the boys in green and gold overwhelmed the bunch from the banana belt by 17-2, tying the score for the series. The College star whose punts proved our undoing a week before, was closely watched and at times seemed rather bored by the multiplicity of the delicate attentions shown him.

Great credit is due the members of the team for the improvement shown in a week and several authorities have said they will be provincial champions in a very few years. Whether or not geographical prejudices have influenced their judgment remains to be seen, but whatever the future may hold, the supporters of the month-old aggregation which represented the U. of A. this season have every right to be proud of

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The first meeting was conducted by Miss Ruttan and Miss Marion Fife. After the business portion of the meeting was dispensed with, Miss Ruttan read a paper on the aims and aspirations of the club, which was very interesting and much appreciated. Last but not least delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses.

On the third of November, 1910,

President and Mrs. Tory were "At Home" to a number of friends, including Lieut.-Governor Bulyea, the members of the Faculty and the Student body. An informal program interspersed with contests was the feature of the evening Everybody was in the best of spirits and the time passed quickly. The festivities were brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," which was entered into with great enthusiasm.

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This promises to be the best year we have ever had. The number in attendance will exceed that of any previous year. The faculty is being maintained at the high state of efficiency which has always characterized it; and each department under its competent management is showing great progress. The success of the college is its difficulty, for managers find it hard to secure accommodation for all those who apply. This situation will be alleviated on the 1st of January when part of the students will remove to the new building in Strathcona.

The rink is in good condition. Matches are being played daily between the class teams, in order to train men, from which a team will be chosen to play in the local league. One thing is lacking, "Why do not more girls skate?"

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And the History Student re-

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Then the Dr. saith unto another history student: where is thy

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But this student replied: Dr., I knew that you were a hard man, lecturing where we cannot follow and questioning where we have not studied and I was afraid and left my theme at home.

Then the Dr. saith: thou knewest that I was a hard man, therefore thou shouldst have attended lectures and have come and

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Take therefore his marks from

him and give them to him which hath many marks.

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